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SUBJECT: RETURN TO WORK MOVEMENT AT RENAULT

1. BREAKTHROUGH IN RENAULT SITUATION CAME 24 APRIL AT SANDOUVILLE PLANT WHEN ENTIRE WORKFORCE (EXCEPT GROUP OF MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL)

RESUMED WORK. BUILDING ON THIS, RENAULT MANAGEMENT SKILLFULLY APPLIED STICK AND CARROT. THEY DISMISSED AND INITIATED SUIT AGAINST 26 WORKERS FOR ALLEGEDLY INTERFERING WITH " FREEDOM TO WORK" AND FOR DESTROYING COMPANY PROPERTY. ON 25 APRIL, THEY ANNOUNCED OPENING OF FLINS PLANT FOLLOWING DAY. MANAGEMENT ALSO STATED THAT RETURN TO WORK AT FLINS WOULD SATISFY PRECONDITION FOR RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON QUESTION OF RECLASSIFICATION. DESPITE BEST EFFORT CGT/ CFDT AND " GAUCHISTES", FLINS WORKERS RETURNED ALMOST IN FULL FORCE BOTH MORNING AND AFTERNOON SHIFTS 26 APRIL. IMMEDIATELY RENAULT CALLED FOR RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON RECLASSIFICATION.

2. MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL AT SANDOUVILLE, SATISFIED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL RESUME, HAVE VOTED RETURN TOWORK. SOME 6000 MEN (HALF OF PLANT FORCE) STILL LAID OFF AT MANS, 1500 AT BILLANCOURT. THE 7,000 STRIKING " OS" (SEMI- SKILLED) WORKERS REJECTED INVITATION RETURN TO WORK AT BILLANCOURT THIS MORNING. SOME 3,000 MEN WORKING REDUCED HOURS AT BILLANCOURT. CGT REPRESENTATIVE AT BILLANCOURT SAID UNION WILL CONTINUE PRESS FOR FULL COMPENSATION FOR ALL LAYOFFS AND FOR DISMISSAL OF

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ALL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS. ,
FRANCE. RETURNING TO NEW YORK 16 JUNE 1973. STATUS OF RETURN
RESIDENT GRANTED. RESIDES IN U. S. FROM 1965-1972.
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